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Maximum Enforcement Period During the New Year's Holiday Announced

CHP and Local Law Enforcement remind Motorists to Party Safe This Holiday

(SACRAMENTO) In preparation for another busy weekend on California roadways, the CHP held a news conference this morning to warn motorists that up to 80 percent of the CHP's officers will be on the road looking for impaired drivers during the holiday Maximum Enforcement Period which runs from 6pm this evening until 11:59 p.m. January 1, 2008.

"Unless you'd like to ring in 2008 on a roadside or in a local jail with law enforcement officers, have a designated driver if you are going to be out partying this weekend," said CHP Commissioner Mike Brown.

The anti-DUI effort will continue throughout the new year and is a result of a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The grant provides funding for CHP personnel deployed on overtime to apprehend impaired drivers. The grant will also fund a minimum of 100 sobriety/driver license checkpoints and 65 DUI task force operations during 2008.

Last year 38 people were killed during the New Year's holiday on California roadways, and 33 people were killed during the recent Christmas holiday. ""We are doing everything we can to end this carnage on our roadways," stated Commissioner Brown.

At the Sacramento news conference today, Mothers Against Drunk Driving was on hand to demonstrate an Ignition Interlock Device in an attempt to further educate motorists about the tools available in some states to prevent convicted drunk drivers from repeat offenses.

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